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Mr. Louis Knight
Hecla Mining Company
Apex Unit
P.O. Box 2407
St. George, Utah 84771

Dear Mr. Knight:

Re: Transfer of Reclamation Permit, Apex Project, M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

Pursuant to our conversation of August 7, 1989, the Division is unable to process your application to transfer the above cited reclamation permit from St. George Mining to Hecla Mining Company pending acquisition of a completed MR-5 (bonding form) by the Division.

Inasmuch as the Division is also processing an amendment to the Apex Notice of Intent (NOI) that will require a change in the amount of reclamation surety, we agreed that it might be prudent to execute the transfer and approve the amended permit in the same action.

Prior to the formal transfer being approved by the Division, Hecla may operate under the NOI approved for St. George Mining, provided that St. George Mining's obligations for bonding and liability insurance remains current, and provided St. George Mining has no objection to this.

It is my understanding that operations through calendar year 1989 will include: 1) driving a new escapeway, and 2) sinking a new decline, neither of which involve new surface disturbance; consequently, the terms of the unamended plan are still in effect.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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